

# HOUSE BILL 1349

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By: **Delegate Manno**

Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2010

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Homeowners' Property Tax Credit – Assessment Limit**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum assessed value of a dwelling on which a  
4 certain homeowners' property tax credit is computed; altering the maximum  
5 assessed value of a dwelling on which the credit is computed for certain taxable  
6 years based on a certain cost-of-living adjustment percentage; requiring the  
7 Department of Assessments and Taxation to determine a certain cost-of-living  
8 adjustment percentage by a certain date based on the increase in a certain  
9 consumer price index; providing for the application of this Act; and generally  
10 relating to altering the computation of the homeowners' property tax credit.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Tax – Property  
13 Section 9–104(a)(1)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Tax – Property  
18 Section 9–104(a)(13)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Tax – Property**

24 9–104.

25 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (13) (I) **["Total] SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
2 **PARAGRAPH, "TOTAL real property tax"** means the product of the sum of all property  
3 tax rates on real property, including special district tax rates, for the taxable year on a  
4 dwelling, multiplied by the lesser of:

5                   **[(i)] 1.    [\$300,000] \$450,000; or**

6                   **[(ii)] 2.    the assessed value of the dwelling reduced by the**  
7 **amount of any assessment on which a property tax credit is granted under § 9–105 of**  
8 **this subtitle.**

9                   **(II) 1.    FOR EACH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER**  
10 **JUNE 30, 2011, THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OF THIS**  
11 **PARAGRAPH SHALL BE INCREASED FOR THE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT**  
12 **PERCENTAGE AS DETERMINED UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.**

13                   **2.    ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE**  
14 **DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT**  
15 **PERCENTAGE TO BE APPLIED FOR THE NEXT TAXABLE YEAR BASED ON THE**  
16 **INCREASE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS IN**  
17 **THE WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE REGION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY OF THAT**  
18 **YEAR OVER THE MONTH OF MAY OF THE PRECEDING YEAR.**

19                   **3.    IF ANY INCREASE DETERMINED UNDER THIS**  
20 **SUBPARAGRAPH IS NOT A MULTIPLE OF \$50, THE INCREASE SHALL BE**  
21 **ROUNDED DOWN TO THE NEXT LOWEST MULTIPLE OF \$50.**

22                   **4.    THE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT PERCENTAGE**  
23 **FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR DETERMINED UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH MAY NOT**  
24 **BE LESS THAN ZERO.**

25           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 June 1, 2010, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,  
27 2010.